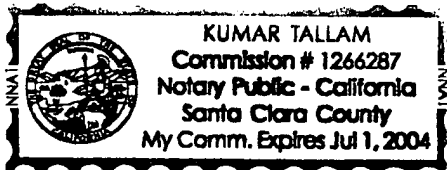


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On AUG 5<sup>th</sup> 02, before me, KUMAR TALLAM,  
Date Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")personally appeared SHEEN(TED) TAI TSAD,  
Name(s) of Signer(s)☐ personally known to me☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

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### Assignment


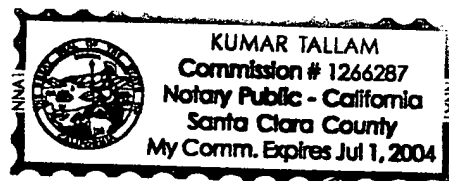
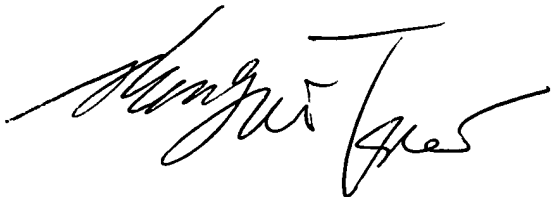
WHEREAS, I, Sheng (Ted) Tai Tsao have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled "**Distributed Virtual SAN**", for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been prepared;

NOW THEREFORE, be it know that I, said inventor, shall be entitled the entire right, title and interest in the aforesaid application for the territory of the United States of America and all continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and reissue application, all patent application in foreign countries, all applications pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and all applications for extension field or to be filed for the invention, and all Letters Patent, Invention Registration, Utility Models, Extensions or Reissues, Reexamination and other patent rights, obtained for the invention in the United States or any country.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademark is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the I hereto have executed this Assignment as the as of the date indicated hereunder.

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